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Sir :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which were cited in a European Search Report issued on July 21, 2000, in connection with EP 00 43 0007 and/or cited and discussed in the instant application.

(1) U.S. Patent No. 2,215,364 to Charles SIMMONS et al. is listed in the European Search Report, with particular attention being directed to the figures, as being particularly relevant by itself (Category "X") with regard to claims 1 and 3-9; and as being relevant with respect to at least one claim or general technological background (Category "A") with regard to claim 10 of the European Application. Additionally, this reference is discussed in the specification beginning in paragraph 0004 of the instant application.

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(2) DE 33 41 040 to Alfons FLECK is listed in the European Search Report, with particular attention being directed to the Abstract and figure 4, as being particularly relevant by itself (Category "X") with regard to claims 1 and 2 of the European Application. Additionally, this reference is discussed in the specification beginning in paragraph 0003 of the instant application.

(3) GB 1 032 663 to Alfred TURNER is listed in the European Search Report, with particular attention being directed to the figures, as being relevant with respect to at least one claim or general technological background (Category "A") with regard to claim 1 of the European Application.

(4) DE 28 45 029 to Luigi SARTORI is listed in the European Search Report, with particular attention being directed to the figures, as being relevant with respect to at least one claim or general technological background (Category "A") with regard to claim 1 of the European Application.

(5) NL 8 004 449 to C. VAN DER LELY is listed in the European Search Report, with particular attention being directed to the figures, as being relevant with respect to at least one claim or general technological background (Category "A") with regard to claim 2 of the European Application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Annex to the European Search Report which lists family members of the documents listed in the Search Report. Applicants note that the

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Annex lists:

(6) U.S. Patent No. 3,897,831;

(7) U.S. Patent No. 3,993,144; and

(8) U.S. Patent No. 4,183,412 as family members of NL 8 004 449.

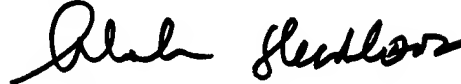
Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a copy of the European Search Report, the Annex to the European Search Report and a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, no fees are required.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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